

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2001 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2098

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Abbitt

**3. Committee**    Conservation & Natural Resources

**4. Title**         Hunting with certain sight devices

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill prohibits the use of a firearm equipped with a sighting device other than iron or open sights between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Any person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor, will lose his hunting privileges for the next license year, and will have to forfeit his firearm. In addition, if the person is found hunting during the prohibited period, he is subject to a separate penalty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The impact cannot be determined because the number of people who might violate the provisions of the bill is unknown. Any fines for violation of the provisions will be deposited to the Literary Fund. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will incur minimal costs associated with court time for each violation.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** The fine for a Class 2 misdemeanor is confinement in jail for not more than six months and a fine of not more than \$1,000, either or both.

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